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Date: 2/23/68

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Via AIRTEL CONFIDENTIAL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

APPROPRIATE ATTORNEYS AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 11-22-80

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM

(OO: WFO)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Re Chicago teletype 2/21/68, above caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of LHM concerning above matter and copies for other recipients as indicated below concerning WSP.

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Chicago is following closely and subsequent pertinent information received will be disseminated pursuant to Bureau instructions in captioned matter.

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REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, H, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 2-23-88

Approved: _____ Sent _____ Per _____

55 MAR 11 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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The LHM is being classified confidential since unauthorized disclosure of information therein could result in identification of the source [redacted] No copies are being provided local agencies for this reason, also because it does not directly affect the local racial situation. b7D

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM

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REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II
DATE FOR 7-28-88
DECLASSIFICATION

11-19-79

Re Chicago teletype dated 2/27/68, under the above caption.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM concerning this matter, copies as indicated below for the information of receiving offices.

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge M Per

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A channelizing memorandum is being prepared concerning the information set forth in the enclosed and full dissemination will be made to the files of all of those who participated in the activity described in this LHM. Chicago is following and subsequent pertinent developments concerning the WSP will be appropriately provided the Bureau and interested offices.

For informational purposes, a copy of this memorandum is being made available to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois, however, no additional local dissemination is being made as it is not deemed necessary or advisable.

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A copy of this memorandum is being made available to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

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The W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs, local and national, will be characterized in the attached appendix pages. The sources utilized having furnished reliable information in the past.

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APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

1 APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 3-1-88

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM
(OO: WFO)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter, with copies as indicated below for interested offices.

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Chicago continuing to follow this matter closely and subsequent pertinent developments will be appropriately provided to the Bureau.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (100-14416)

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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CO: Atlanta

APPROPRIATE HEADQUARTERS AND FIELD OFFICES NOTED BY POSTING SLIP ON 11-22-80

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of LHM which the Bureau may desire to disseminate.

Enclosed for Chicago, Atlanta and WFO are two copies each of above LHM.

[redacted]

LHM is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because information reported from the confidential source could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise her future effectiveness in furnishing information concerning the national defense.

One copy of LHM is being disseminated to MIG, U. S. Army, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

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REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 3-8-88

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
(CO: Atlanta)
(Bufile 100-106670)
(ATfile 100-5586)
(DEfile 100-31410)

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COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
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(CO: Atlanta)
(Bufile 100-438794)
(ATfile 100-5716)
(DEfile 100-81774)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies and for Atlanta 2 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. b1

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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ to protect the source utilized.

Detroit will follow and report KING's activities while in the Detroit area.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES NOTIFIED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 11-22-80.

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1 - Detroit

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On 3/7/63, [redacted] advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., would speak at the Grosse Pointe, Mich., High School on 3/14/63. [redacted] advised that KING's appearance at the Grosse Pointe High School is being sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Human Relations Council.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan
March 8, 1968

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cominfil of Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 7, 1968, that Martin Luther King, Jr., would speak at Grosse Pointe High School, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on March 14, 1968, which talk is to be sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Human Relations Committee.

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A throw-away published through the auspices of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches, 65 Columbia, East Detroit, Michigan, set out information that Dr. Martin Luther King, nationally known civil rights leader, will speak at the Central Methodist Church, Woodward and East Adams, Detroit, on March 14 and 15, 1968.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF 11-22-80

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Detroit letter DATE 12/3/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM

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Reference is made to Bureau airtel dated 2/29/68 and Bureau FD O-7 dated 3/5/68; Chicago telephone call to Bureau dated 3/7/68 and Chicago airtel dated 3/7/68, all concerning captioned matter.

In accordance with instruction in referenced FD O-7, changing date of submission of weekly communication in captioned matter, Chicago will comply with instructions in referenced airtel of 2/29/68, commencing as of following Tuesday 3/12/68.

Enclosed are 12 copies of a LHM for the Bureau, b1 copies for other offices as indicated below, for information.

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Approved: [signature] Per

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Re Miami airtel and LHM to the Bureau, 2/21/68.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Copies for listed offices as indicated. Source used in LHM is [redacted] b7D

The enclosed LHM is being furnished to listed offices for indexing, inasmuch as it identifies the various ministers who attended a series of meetings in Miami, Fla., 2/18-23/68, designed to help Negro clergymen minister to the social and economic needs of their congregations. During these meetings some discussion was held relating to the Washington Spring Project. In this regard, it may be desirable to consider interviewing some of these ministers, if there is no information in office indices to the contrary, for pertinent information relative to the Washington Spring Project. Any investigation in this regard is being left to the discretion of each office receiving this LHM.

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Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Walters
Tele. Room
Mr. Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9848)

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta are two copies each and for Savannah one copy [redacted]

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The 3/14/68 issue of the San Antonio Express, a daily newspaper in San Antonio, in an article entitled "King Asks Tijerina to Meeting" and dateline Atlanta, Georgia, set forth in part that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., organizing his Washington poor peoples campaign had planned a closed meeting which would include REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA, charged in the armed takeover of a New Mexico court house last year. The article further related that "neither KING nor his close associate, the Rev. ANDREW J. YOUNG, would give names of other persons invited to the meeting in an Atlanta motel."

The above is being furnished for information.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
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OO: WFO

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Reference is made to Chicago teletype dated 3/15/68.

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(1-100-438794) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) (RM)
(1-157-2924) (WSP)
(1-100-5586) (M. L. KING)
(1-100-5718) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
March 19, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced that he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D.C. during the latter part of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro and the poor people in this country. This campaign has been given the name Washington Spring Project (WSP).

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A characterization of the DDJ above, is attached to this memorandum.

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1 APPENDIX

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
Aka. Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana, reflect that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

"To instruct, train, teach, and educate Citizens of the United States and especially minority groups in the fundamental principles of the republican form of government and our democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen; to further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the value of economic security and in the effective use of their spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by law."

MR. W. C. SULLIVAN CONFIDENTIAL March 22, 1968

MR. G. C. MOORE

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing plans of the advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, pertaining to his massive civil disobedience campaign to be held in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign" in April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

King and his key aides toured the States of Mississippi and Alabama this week in an effort to obtain enthusiasm and support for the above "Washington Spring Project." King spoke at a small town in Alabama and advised

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells
1 - ~~100-186670~~ (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
1 - 100-438794 (SCLC)

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a group of approximately 300 that he expected approximately one-half million people to demonstrate in Washington, D. C., during this campaign. He advised that his people will not leave Washington until Congress takes appropriate action. Later in Bessemer, Alabama, King spoke briefly to a crowd of approximately 600 persons. He turned the meeting over to Hosea Williams, who advised that church buses will be used to transport recruits for the "Washington Spring Project" from various sections of the South to Washington, D. C. Upon arrival in Washington, they will set up a tent city in Lafayette Park. In conclusion Williams said, "Congress will give in or the United States will be burned down."

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RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretaries of Commerce, Labor, Defense, and Agriculture; Secret Service; Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; General Services Administration; and to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop

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1 - Mr. C. D. Moore
1 - Mr. R. E. Wells

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has advised that he will bring 3,000 of his followers to Washington, D. C., in April, 1968, to conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King calls this the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign."

During the past week, King and his key aides were in the State of Mississippi and in Alabama attempting to promote enthusiasm and support for this "Washington Spring Project." In Eutaw, Alabama, before a gathering of 500 persons, King announced that President Johnson was spending too much money in Vietnam and he should spend more money on poor people. He further advised that he expected approximately one half million people to demonstrate in Washington, D. C., during the "Washington Spring Project." King concluded his speech by stating that his organization would not leave Washington, D. C., until Congress took appropriate action to help the plight of the Negro.

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Later in the week, King spoke briefly to a crowd of approximately 600 at a church at Bessemer, Alabama, and then turned the meeting over to one of his aides, Hosea Williams. Williams advised those present that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will use church buses to transport recruits for the "Washington Spring Project" from various cities in the South to Washington, D. C. Williams advised that Birmingham ministers have been asked to donate their church buses for this "Washington Spring Project." Upon arrival in Washington, D. C., these recruits will set up a tent city in Lafayette Park. According to Williams, the Teamsters Union will furnish all the food necessary for the demonstrators while they are in Washington, D. C. In conclusion Williams said, "Congress will give in or the United States will be burned down."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 3/26/68

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-489)(P) CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF THE SCLC,
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Re Miami letter dated 1/24/68, as above.

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The Chapter has also complained that the Program does not consult with local advisory groups before making decisions.

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Bureau and Atlanta will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 3-28-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
WASHINGTON, D. C.

On 3-23-68, captioned individual visited FBI Headquarters and was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] of this Division. [redacted] who displayed an identification card reflecting that he was [redacted] advised that his home was originally Danville, Virginia, and that he had just received a call from a relative there indicating that a Mrs. Julia Brown of Cleveland, Ohio, would be speaking in Danville 3-27-68. [redacted] further advised that one of the Danville newspapers carried an advertisement regarding this appearance wherein Mrs. Brown claimed to be a former employee of the FBI, whose duties had been to investigate Dr. Martin Luther King, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and other civil rights groups relative to the existence of communist influence. [redacted] made clear that he was here as a private citizen and wished to know if this woman was ever an employee of the FBI and if so, was she engaged in the above-mentioned activities.

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[redacted] was advised that a Mrs. Julia Brown, who is well known to the Bureau, furnished information on subversive activities on a confidential basis to the FBI from 1951 to 1960. [redacted] was also told that while she was not an employee of the Bureau, she was compensated for her services. [redacted] was also told that aside from this, we could not comment further concerning her.

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[redacted] appeared satisfied with this answer and thanked the interviewing Agent for providing him with this information.

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

[redacted] was the subject of a White House name check in 1967 and no derogatory information regarding him was found. [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

DATE: March 21, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Hines
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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At approximately 11:40 p. m., 3-21-68, Willie Bolden, Field Secretary, State of Georgia, for captioned organization, telephoned and advised that on this night approximately 125 to 130 local parents, teachers, and students had marched at Social Circle, Georgia, to the City Hall. On the way, local police armed with shotguns advised this group of marchers that they would not be permitted to demonstrate. According to Mr. Bolden, the police also stated that if this group attempted to march downtown, they would make another Orangeburg, South Carolina, incident out of the demonstration.

Mr. Bolden called to relate this incident and stated that his principal purpose in calling was to let the FBI know that tomorrow night, 3-22-68, this same group of individuals would march at Social Circle, Georgia, to the City Hall, although they had been cautioned not to do so.

Mr. Bolden stated it was his intention to call the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, on 3-22-68, to advise it of this information.

ACTION:

For information. Above information telephonically furnished to Domestic Intelligence Division, which Division will advise the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

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ADDENDUM, DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 3/22/68, WLS:lrb:

Protest demonstrations have been occurring periodically at Social Circle, Georgia, for the past several months. The demonstrators have been protesting the current school conditions in the area. The information set out in above memorandum appears to pertain to such demonstrations.

The Atlanta Office has been instructed to determine what happened at Social Circle last night and to immediately submit a teletype. We will furnish pertinent information to the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

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1 - Mr. Delmarch
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

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March 22, 1968

1 - Mr. Wells

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has announced publicly he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital in April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King calls this campaign the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign."

On March 19 and 20, 1968, King and key members of his staff toured the State of Mississippi attempting to generate interest and support for this project.

In Jackson, Mississippi, on March 20, 1968, before an audience of approximately 400 persons, Hosea Williams, an aide to King, advised that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference had just completed a strategy meeting. The date of the "Washington Spring Project" set as April 22, 1968, at Washington, D. C., has been canceled. According to Williams, King and his top leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will go to Washington, D. C., either April 23 or 24, 1968, where they intend to contact Congressional leaders, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Commerce. At this time, King will present his "Economic Bill of Rights" to the Congressional leaders and Government officials in an effort to receive assurances that legislation will be passed favorable to the Negro.

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On April 27 or 28, 1968, the people recruited for this campaign in Mississippi will arrive in Jackson for a mass meeting. They will march through the downtown section of Jackson en route to Birmingham, Alabama. At Birmingham, they will meet another group which will have completed a mass meeting and march through Birmingham. This same procedure will be adhered to in the following cities: Atlanta, Georgia; Columbia, South Carolina; Durham, North Carolina; and Richmond, Virginia. This group will then continue to a staging area located at Alexandria, Virginia. At the same time, groups will follow the same arrangement departing from Boston, Massachusetts; Detroit, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This latter contingent will meet at a staging area near Baltimore, Maryland. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference expects to have a total of 3,000 people in these groups who will then march on Washington and stay for at least two weeks. This original group, after two weeks, will be replaced by a second group and this will continue until enough pressure has been applied on Congress and favorable legislation is passed. A "City of Hope" or a "Shanty Town" will be built in Washington to house and feed these demonstrators. According to Williams, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will stay in Washington by continuing to send waves of people until the Democratic Convention which begins in August, 1968.

King also spoke at this meeting and expressed the same sentiments as Williams. King also stated that professional groups, professional people, and industrialists throughout the country are being contacted for donations to support this project.

After this meeting, as in the other seven meetings where King spoke, a collection was requested for funds to support this campaign. To a select group later, King expressed disappointment at the lack of enthusiasm and small donations he

had received in the past two days in Mississippi. It was determined that a total of $1,000 was collected from these eight rallies and there appeared to be few volunteers available to go to Washington.

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NOTE: Classified "Secret" inasmuch as the concealed sources in the above information are highly sensitive sources operating in the racial field whose disclosure would seriously damage our intelligence coverage and be injurious to the national defense.

See memorandum Moore to Sullivan, 3/21/68, same caption, DMW:lmr.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 3-29-68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10323) - RUC -

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
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Re Springfield letter to Director dated 2-20-68.

[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, [redacted] advised that he had thought of no additional information to that given to Bureau Agents on 2-19-68.

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Inasmuch as [redacted] has no additional information, no further investigation is being conducted in the Springfield Division.

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1 - New York (Info)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1516) (C)

SUBJ: PLANNED DEMONSTRATION BY
JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
AT FEDERAL BUILDING,
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 3/20/68
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ReJKairtel to Bureau, 3/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is 11 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. Also enclosed is the original and one copy of FD-376.

Copies of the LHM are being disseminated to MI, Secret Service, and USA, Jacksonville.

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In view of the above, no further action being taken in this matter. AGENCY: CRD, ~~IUD~~, IIU, ~~RAD~~, ~~CD~~, ACSI, OSI

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BY: RAB-GDS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Jacksonville, Florida
March 22, 1968

PLANNED DEMONSTRATION BY JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT FEDERAL BUILDING, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA MARCH 20, 1968

Reference is made to memorandum dated March 13, 1968.

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[redacted] advised on March 21, 1968, that the demonstration previously reported to have been scheduled for picketing of the new Federal Building on March 20, 1968, did not occur. b7D

The information set forth herein was furnished to [redacted] on March 21, 1968. b7C

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Date: 3/27/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-489)(P)

RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies, and Atlanta two copies of an LHM on the arrest of the local SCLC President JIMMIE LEE CHATMON for grand larceny.

The Miami Division is currently conducting an investigation on the Miami Chapter of the SCLC relative to alleged Federal violations involving Fraud Against the Government in connection with EOPI funds, and for submitting a false statement on its internal auditing system to a Federal agency. This investigation was requested by WILLIAM A. MEADOWS, JR., United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida, in a letter to the Miami Office, March 22, 1968, Miami file 46-3743.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
March 27,1968

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The March 23, 1968, issue of the "Miami Herald", a daily Miami, Florida newspaper, contained an article entitled, "Poverty Worker Released On Bond", with an accompanying photograph of JIMMIE LEE CHATMON at the Dade County, Florida Jail. According to the article, CHATMON posted a $1,000.00 bond on a grand larceny charge which had been filed by the Florida State Attorney's Office following an investigation ordered by Governor CLAUDE KIRK last November into Dade's War on Poverty.

Jimmy

The article states that CHATMON, age 42, President of the Miami Chapter of MARTIN LUTHER KING's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had come to the jailhouse voluntarily Friday morning from his home at 9954 Northwest 25th Avenue, after reading in the "Miami Herald" that he was wanted on a charge of pocketing a portion of a $5,000.00 Federal anti-poverty grant which the Miami chapter received last summer.

When CHATMON was asked if the charge would affect his future role as a community leader he said, "No, it won't". Then he paused for a moment and said, "And if it does there will be others to take my place".

CHATMON also stated after posting bond, "They can't hurt me", and, "I've been hurting ever since I was born".

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The article also reflects that while at the jail a friend of CHATMON called to him, "It's a smear Jimmy".

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Stapleton
1 - Mr. Ausen
April 1, 1968
1 - Mr. Wells

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has advised that he will bring 3,000 of his followers to Washington, D. C., in April, 1968, to conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King calls this the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign."

On March 28, 1968, King led a march in Memphis, Tennessee, in support of the striking sanitation workers of that city. Shortly after the march started, a riot ensued and King fled down a side street and left the area.

On March 29, 1968, King was in conference with his principal advisor, Stanley Levison, concerning the Memphis riot. King stated he was depressed by the riot and was considering calling off the "Washington Spring Project." Levison advised King to continue his plans concerning the Washington march. Levison emphasized that King can state that the Washington march will differ from the Memphis march since King will have organized the Washington march and can stress the importance of nonviolence.

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XEROX COPIES TO MRS. MILDRED STEGALL AT WHITE HOUSE; MR. WILLIAM WELSH, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT; SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE, LABOR, DEFENSE, AND AGRICULTURE; SECRET SERVICE; AG; DEPUTY AG; AAGs YEAGLEY, VINSON AND POLLAK; INTER-DIVISION INFORMATION UNIT OF DEPT.; GSA; ARMY; NAVY; AIR FORCE.

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1 - 100-100670 (King)
1 - 100-438794 (SCLC)

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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NOTE: Classified "Secret" inasmuch as the concealed sources for the above information are highly sensitive sources operating in the racial field whose disclosure would seriously damage our intelligence coverage and be injurious to the national defense. See memorandum G. C. Moore to Sullivan, 3/29/68, captioned as above, DMW:ekw.

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-6837)(RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
IS-C
(OO:ATLANTA)

Re Springfield letter to the Bureau with LHM dated 2/20/68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles, San Fransicso and San Diego are four, two and two copies, respectively, of the LHM referred to in relet, reflecting investigation conducted at Springfield.

On 4/1/68, [redacted] Holiday Inn, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico, advised SA [redacted] that he could not recall any Negro couples staying at the Holiday Inn around the thirteenth of December, 1967. He advised that there were no Negro groups at the Holiday Inn during December, 1967.

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3 - Bureau (100-438794)
1 - Springfield (100-10323)(Info)
1 - Atlanta (100-5718)(Info)
4 - Los Angeles (encls. 4)
2 - San Diego (encl. 2)
2 - San Francisco (encl. 2)
2 - New York
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C. C. Bishop

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On 4/1/68, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that approximately during the middle of December, 1967, he encountered a Negro gentleman approximately 5'11½" tall, slim build, medium complexion, who advised [redacted] that he was the editor of a [redacted] newspaper which he said was basically a Negro newspaper. [redacted] said that this gentleman stayed at the Holiday Inn for four days and advised him that he was visiting a girlfriend and her husband in San Juan, Puerto Rico. b7C b7D

This unknown gentleman spoke with [redacted] on three or four occasions and asked [redacted] questions concerning the racial problems in Puerto Rico. He advised [redacted] that he had recently spoken with WILLIE MAYS and JIMMY BROWN, Negro sports figures and he intimated that these were friends of his. b7D

[redacted] advised that he would recognize this person if he saw him again but does not recall him associating with anyone in the lobby of the Holiday Inn.

On 4/1/68, [redacted] Holiday Inn, supra, advised that they could not recall any Negro couples staying at the Holiday Inn during the middle of December. b7D

The registration cards of the Holiday Inn were made available by [redacted] and reviewed by SA [redacted] for the month of December, 1967. The below listed names were contained on cards for couples from California who were registered at the Holiday Inn during the period of time in question. There is no way to determine from these registration cards the race of these persons. Included with the names is the date that the persons resided at the Holiday Inn: b7C b7D

[redacted] b7C

[redacted]

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The registration cards also contain a card for [redacted] b7D This registration card indicates that source resided at the Holiday Inn from 12/2/67 to 12/15/67, corroborating information furnished by source in re LHM.

LEADS:

The offices listed below are requested to contact the persons listed in their respective divisions in an effort to determine their race and if Negro, interview them re any information they may have concerning the incident referred to in the enclosed LHM.

LOS ANGELES

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] b7c

AT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

[redacted]

AT REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA

[redacted]

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

[redacted]

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

[redacted]

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will contact appropriate sources in an effort to identify editor of [redacted] Newspaper" and interview him to determine any information he may have re incident mentioned in attached LHM.

An information copy is being furnished Atlanta as Office of Origin and one information copy is being furnished Springfield who has a pending investigation in this case.

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Miss Holmes
1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G.C. Moore
1 - Mr. Rozamus

(RI) 100-438794

JUNE

April 2, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 1 - Mr. D.M. Wells

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By letter dated January 2, 1968, authority was requested to institute a telephone surveillance on the national headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, because its President, Martin Luther King, Jr., had publicly announced he would lead a massive civil disobedience in the nation's Capital in the Spring of 1968. At that time it was pointed out that these massive demonstrations could trigger riots.

By letter dated January 3, 1968, you declined authorization of this installation because, "There has not been an adequate demonstration of a direct threat to the national security."

In view of the recent developments in Memphis, Tennessee, where King led a march that ended in a riot, it is reasonable to assume the same thing could happen later this month when King brings his "Poor People's March" to Washington, D. C.

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TIME
DATE 4-2-68
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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In view of the internal security aspect involved, authority is requested to install telephone surveillances of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at its national headquarters at the above-listed address and also at its local headquarters, 1401 U Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., so that we can keep apprised of the strategy and plans of this group.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Approved_____

Date_____

NOTE: Classified "Secret" since it concerns a technical surveillance, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau security coverage and to the detriment of national security.

This memorandum recommends the installation of a telephone surveillance on SCLC's headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D. C., for intelligence-type data concerning King's plans for massive civil disobedience in the nation's Capital in the Spring of 1968.

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan same caption, dated 3/29/68 prepared by DMW:dsm.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Southern Christian Leadership Conference - General

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Miss Holmes
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SECRET

DATE: March 29, 1968

FROM : G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Rozamus
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

JUNE

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting a telephone surveillance of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D. C., in an effort to obtain intelligence data concerning massive civil disobedience planned for the nation's Capital the end of April, 1968, by Martin Luther King, Jr.

BACKGROUND:

On January 2, 1968, we requested the Attorney General to authorize the installation of a telephone surveillance on the headquarters of SCLC in Atlanta, Georgia, because of possible riots which might ensue with King's planned Washington march. By letter dated January 3, 1968 the Attorney General denied our request advising, "There has not been an adequate demonstration of a direct threat to the national security."

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan SECRET
RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
100-438794

OBSERVATIONS:

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RECOMMENDATION:

The attached communication be directed to the Attorney General for his approval. "The Memphis situation" gives added importance to this request.

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-13232) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
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(OO: Atlanta)

D. B. Wheeler

Re San Juan airtel to the Bureau, 4/2/68.

On 4/9/68, [redacted] California, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] are his parents. He said that his father in December was en route to the Virgin Islands to take up a new job, having previously been employed in Kwajalein. His father's address is [redacted] Virgin Islands.

[redacted] is white.

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1 - San Francisco (Info)
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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS
ATfile 157-3094

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies of LHM.

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Enclosed LHM submitted at this time for Bureau's information. Active investigation of ABERNATHY has not previously been conducted by Atlanta.

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APR 8 1968

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER:
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Atlanta, Georgia
April 5, 1968

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

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Radio Station WSB, Atlanta, Georgia, during a one p.m. newscast April 5, 1968, announced that Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would assume leadership of SCLC following the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, SCLC.

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Atlanta, Georgia
April 5, 1968

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Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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11-28 PM URGENT 4-14-68 -AMS SECRET

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794) AND ATLANTA

ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

TO ATALANTA VIA WASHINGTON ---ENCODED

FROM NEW YORK (100-149194) 1P

COMINFIL OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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ON FOUR FOURTEEN SIXTY EIGHT A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNSIHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL, CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN NEW YORK CITY, AND HARRY BELAFONTE VOCALIST, PLAN TO FLY TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON FOUR FIFTEEN SIXTY EIGHT TO ATTEND A MEETING AT THE EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH SCHEDULED FOR TEN AM ON FOUR FIFTEEN. THEY WILL DEPART NEW YORK CITY AT SEVENFIFTEEN AM VIA EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE EIGHT SEVEN ARRIVING ATLANTA TEN ZERO EIGHT AM. SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING INCLUDING DORA MC DONALD AN EMPLOYEE OF SCLC IN ATLANTA.

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cc: D. Wells

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TO.. DIRECTOR, (100-436670) AND ATLANTA (CODE)

ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM.. NEW YORK (100-136555) 1P

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SUBJECT.. MATTER-COMMUNISM

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C
OFFICE OF ORIGIN.. ATLANTA

[redacted] WHOSE INFORMATION IS TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET" ADVISED APRIL FIVE SIXTY EIGHT THAT ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), WHOSE PRESIDENT WAS MARTIN LUTHER KING, DISCUSSED KING'S SUCCESSOR WITH STANLEY LEVISON THIS DATE. THEY AGREED RALPH (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) IS ONLY LOGICAL SUCCESSOR. (IT IS BELIEVED RALPH IS REFERRED RALPH ABERNATHY, OFFICIAL OF SCLC). YOUNG, WHO WAS IN MEMPHIS, SAID PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE CALLED LATER THIS MORNING TO "SORT OF STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT" AND TO ANNOUNCE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARTIN LUTHER KING FUND TO PERPETUATE KING'S MEMORY. SOURCE UNABLE TO ADVISE IF CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS OR ATLANTA. YOUNG STATED BOBBY KENNEDY HAD CALLED AND PLACED HIS PLANE AT THEIR DISPOSAL. YOUNG AND LEVISON AGREED TO MEET AT THE HOMES (INITIALED) IN ATLANTA AROUND ONE THIRTY TODAY.

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 4/12/68, concerning a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and WILL MASLOW of the American Jewish Congress about plans for the SCLC's Washington Spring Project and the leadership ability of RALPH ABERNATHY, successor to MARTIN LUTHER KING as head of the SCLC. [redacted]

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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER:
[redacted]: ISD, CRD, PAO
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1-NY (100-153735) (CIRM) (41)
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Communist Infiltration of the
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC)
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on April 12, 1968, that on that date, Will Maslow, whom the source believed to be associated with the American Jewish Congress, discussed with Stanley Levison the proposed March on Washington (the SCLC Poor People's Campaign scheduled for Washington, D.C. in April, 1968) and the leadership of the SCLC by Ralph Abernathy. Levison told Maslow that it had been decided to go ahead with the March on Washington although the date had not been fixed. He said that they were talking about a date a few weeks after the proposed date of April 22, 1968.

Maslow wanted to know if the original plans will be followed. However, Levison was not sure of this. He noted that they had had some discussion about starting the march on a big scale rather than a small one "because of the kind of support that's around".

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Maslow asked Levison if he was on the Board of Directors of the SCLC. Levison said he was not but that he is considered to be on the Executive Staff even though he does not get paid. He noted that the Executive Staff makespolicy.

Maslow questioned whether Ralph Abernathy, who succeeded Martin Luther King as head of the SCLC, will be able to do the job. Levison stated that Abernathy will do better among Negroes than King did "because he's really one of them". Levison added that Abernathy has less rapport with white people. Commenting on Abernathy's speaking ability, Levison noted that Abernathy is not a bad speaker. He said itis less important that Abernathy mesmerize white people than Negroes.

Maslow inquired about the behavior of Stokley Carmichael at King's funeral. Levison noted that it had been agreed to have him come into the church and that there was almost a fight at the door of the church because Carmichael insisted on having "these other guys" admitted with him. Levison stated that Abernathy probably will have less to do with Carmichael than King did because King had the self-confidence to sit down and preach to him.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) (RM)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-53341) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
IS - C
OO: Atlanta

Re San Juan airtel dated 4/2/68.

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and his wife [redacted] California, both Caucasian, advised 4/11/68, that they stayed at the Holiday Inn, Puerto Rico, from 1:00 AM to approximately 11:00 AM 12/13/67, and during this time no proposed crimes came to their attention.

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Reference is made to New York telephone call to the Bureau, 4/14/68, and New York teletype to Bureau and Atlanta, 4/14/68.

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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. ARMY
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New York, New York
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On April 14, 1968, a confidential source one advised that Stanley Levison, Harry Wachtel and Harry Belafonte planned to fly to Atlanta, Georgia, on April 15, 1968, from New York City, for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to be held at 10 a.m. that date at the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The source advised that the aforementioned individuals will depart New York City at 7:15 a.m. via Eastern Airlines flight 387, and arrive at Atlanta, Georgia, at 10 a.m., April 15, 1968.

According to source one, Dora McDonald, Secretary to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, former President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), will also be in attendance at the scheduled SCLC meeting at the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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[redacted] (CLASSIFY "SECRET") FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON APRIL NINETEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.. TOM OFFENBERGER, SCLC ATLANTA AND STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN CONTROLLING RASH OF PICTURES, BOOKS AND RECORDINGS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING ISSUED COMMERCIALLY SINCE HIS DEATH. LEVISON REVEALED HE HAS CONCENTRATED ON AREAS WHERE HE FEELS THERE IS REAL MONEY WHICH WILL SAFEGUARD THE ORGANIZATION OR CORETTA KING. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BOOK TO BE WRITTEN BY CORETTA IS OF CENTRAL IMPORTANCE TO HER AND MUST BE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING AMONG SCLC STAFF AND PEOPLE CLOSE TO KING THAT THEY ARE NOT TO WRITE BOOKS ABOUT KING PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF CORETTA'S BOOK. LEVISON MENTIONED THREE PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION ON BEHALF OF ORGANIZATION (SCLC), ONE, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MEETING IN LATE MAY,
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TWO, DINNER TO BE HELD EARLIER OF "BIG, WELL-HEELED PEOPLE" AND, THREE, PLAN TO SOLICIT FROM MAJOR ARTISTS, PAINTINGS WHICH SCLC COULD AUCTION. LEVISON REVEALED THAT ADVERTISEMENTS HE PLACED UNDER HARRY BELAFONTE'S NAME RESULTED IN RECEIPTS MUCH LESS THAN ANTICIPATED. LEVISON AND OFFENBERGER DISCUSSED LONG RANGE APPROACH OF FUTURE FUND RAISING EFFORTS. LEVISON BELIEVES THEY HAVE TO GO ON A MEMBERSHIP BASIS IN NEGRO COMMUNITY USING SLOGAN "A MILLION TO REPLACE ONE". OFFENBERGER DEMURRED AT THIS IDEA. LEVISON POINTED OUT THAT FORMER FUND RAISING WHICH HAD SUSTAINED SCLC WAS BASED ON KING'S UNIQUE PERSONALITY AND THAT RALPH ABERNATHY'S PERSONALITY IS "AS ILL-SUITED TO THE DONORS WE HAVE AS YOU COULD POSSIBLY FIND". DESCRIBED DONORS AS WHITE MIDDLE CLASS INTELLECTUALS. LEVISON ESTIMATED THAT AS MUCH AS SEVENTY FIVE PER CENT OF CONTRIBUTORS LIST MIGHT BE LOST AS RESULT OF CHANGE OF SCLC LEADERSHIP. SAID ANSWER IS TO GO WHERE NEW LEADERSHIP HAS APPEAL, (NEGRO) CHURCH COMMUNITY. SAID SCLC SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN ITS INCOME FROM NEGROES, NOT WHITES, IN FIRST INSTANCE. ALSO MENTIONED THAT SCLC IS CO-SPONSORING CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY ON MONDAY (APRIL TWENTY SECOND) WITH INSTITUTE FOR NEW CAREERS

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TO DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM THEY SHOULD BE GOING AFTER. SAID PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WOULD BE TO REGISTER DISSATISFACTION WITH LEGISLATION WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED AS "EMPTY AND UTTERLY INADEQUATE". LEVISON URGED THAT ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF SCLC ATTEND AS SCLC REPRESENTATIVE. LEVISON COUNSELLED THAT CORETTA KING SHOULD BE CAREFUL OF PUBLIC IMAGE AND NOT SUBJECTED TO TOO MANY INTERVIEWS. LEVISON REPEATED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ABOUT ABERNATHY NOT APPEARING ON "FACE THE NATION" AND "MEET THE PRESS". SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ABERNATHY "HOOK ONTO" HIS OWN IMAGE AS MILITANT, SIMPLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD PERSON WHICH HE WOULD NEGATE BY TRYING TO BE INTELLECTUAL ON "FACE THE NATION" AND GETTING TRIPPED UP. LEVISON AND OFFENBERGER ALSO DISCUSSED OPENING OF SCLC'S POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON, DC ON APRIL TWENTY NINE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. OFFENBERGER NOTED THAT AFTER CEREMONY ON MAY SECOND AT LORRAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS, WHERE KING WAS SHOT, THERE WILL BE A MARCH TO MARKS, MISSISSIPPI "TO PACK UP THE PEOPLE IN MARKS AND GET THE MULE TRAIN GOING". SAID SOUTHERN LEG (OF MARCH), THE BOSTON LEG AND CHICAGO LEG ALL START WITHIN A WEEK. MENTIONED THAT "SHANTY TOWN WILL START GOING UP" ABOUT MAY THIRTEEN.

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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST HATE GROUPS RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Re Buairtel to SAC, Albany and numerous other field offices, including Chicago, dated 3/4/68, under the above caption.

Referenced airtel concerns itself with formation of a Counterintelligence Program directed against Black Nationalist Hate Groups (BNG), setting up the following as goals:

1) Prevention of a coalition of militant BNG

2) Prevention of the rise of a "Messiah" who might be able to unify or electrify a BNG movement

3) Prevent violence on the part of BNG

4) Prevent militant BNG and leaders from gaining respectability by discrediting them to responsible Negro groups, to the white community, to "liberals" who may possess vestiges of sympathy for them.

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(1 - 100-438794) (SCLC)
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5) Prevention of long range growth of militant BNG organizations, especially among youth.

Among instructions set forth in reairtel, aside from comments concerning an overall counterintelligence program, and its administration, was a request to submit, by separate letter, specific suggestions for counterintelligence against certain field wide targets, among which were the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The Nation of Islam, also listed, will be the subject of a separate communication.

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

Chicago is very cognizant of the Bureau's interest in counterintelligence directed at SCLC, headed until his recent death by MARTIN LUTHER KING. The SCLC operation locally has been very minimal, subsequent to the early fall of 1966, when the SCLC led a continuing series of large scale open housing demonstrations here. Until the inauguration of the Poor People Campaign (PPC), in the winter of 1967-68, the SCLC's program here had for all practical purposes fallen apart. The only effective part of the program was its Operation Breadbasket, the only aspect of its operation whichreceived any public attention, or publicity. In fact, after the so-called accommodation between KING and city authorities, in August, 1966, KING and the SCLC lost considerable face and no longer were an effective or respected force.

Most recently, the PPC here was achieving only marginal support and success. [redacted]

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Due to the death of KING, the circumstances surrounding same, and the resulting re-organization and uncertainty concerning its leadership and future direction, it would appear any counterintelligence approach at present might better be held in abeyance until such time as the future program and leadership of SCLC are resolved. Consequently, Chicago is not at present submitting any specific counter-intelligence suggestions. The Bureau is assured, however, that the situation will be continually re-appraised from the standpoint of whether a productive and effective program is advisable, and if so an appropriate specific suggestion will be furnished the Bureau for its approval.

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-65154) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (WASHINGTON SPRING FESTIVAL)
IS-C
OO: Atlanta

Re San Juan airtel to the Bureau, 4/2/68.

On 4/15/68, [redacted] Beverly Hills, California, was contacted by SA [redacted] She is a caucasian, and she advised that in December of 1967 she and her husband had stayed in San Juan for one day en route to Virgin Islands. She could not remember having seen any Negros in the hotel while they were there.

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On 4/15/68, [redacted] a white male residing at [redacted] North Hollywood, California, advised SA [redacted] that he had been in San Juan on vacation in December 1967, but that he knew nothing about any Negros at the Holiday Inn while he was there.

On 4/15/68, [redacted] Torrance, California, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] is a white male who has been employed continuously since October 1954 as an electrical engineer.

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SUBJECT: COMINFIL-SCLC
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OO: Atlanta

JESSE LOUIS JACKSON
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OO: Chicago

Re Atlanta telephone call to Chicago, 4/16/68.

Review of Chicago files regarding JACKSON discloses no information reflecting on his moral character or ethics.

All other pertinent information regarding JACKSON has been previously furnished.

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

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FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore (Field Guidance Folder)
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To: SACs, Atlanta
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From: Director, FBI (100-392452)

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Since the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Stanley David Levison has been summoned to attend two important policy-making sessions of SCLC at Atlanta, Georgia. As you know, Levison was the principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., and King did not make any major policy decisions without first consulting with Levison.

It is imperative that the Bureau, at an early date, be able to assess what role Levison will play in the guidance and direction of SCLC in the future. Recipient offices should alert their sources so that any information received concerning Levison's participation in policy-making decisions be immediately furnished the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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Your comments and observations in this regard should be submitted to the Bureau by April 24, 1968.

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NOTE:

With the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the role of Stanley Levison in SCLC matters is questionable. Outgoing instructs the field to be alert to Levison's activities and influence in an effort to further dominate SCLC in the future.

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM: C. D. Brennan

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

DATE: April 17, 1968

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

Since the assassination of Martin Luther King, we have been closely following the activities of Stanley Levison and leaders of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), to determine what effect this event has had on the efforts of both Levison and the Party to continue to exploit racial problems in this country.

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With regard to the reaction of the CPUSA, it is noted that as soon as news of the assassination was announced, the CPUSA moved, as expected, to exploit the situation to its own advantage. A special issue of "The Worker," east coast communist newspaper, was prepared eulogizing King and attacking racism in the U. S. Copies were shipped to each Party district for mass distribution.

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Information set forth above has been disseminated to the Department and the military intelligence agencies.

ACTION:

For information. We are closely following this matter and will keep you advised of pertinent developments.

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Date: 4/16/68

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Enclosed for the Bureau are seven (7) copies and Atlanta two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a memorial service for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 4/15/68.

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Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being disseminated locally to 111th M. I. Group, Orlando, Florida, and Secret Service, Miami, Florida.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Miami, Florida
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[redacted] that a memorial service, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., was held at the band shell at Bayfront Park in downtown Miami from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on April 15, 1968. There were approximately 200 persons in attendance, of which only 15 to 20 were Negroes. The majority appeared to be elderly people who came from Miami Beach. The master of ceremonies was Cecil Rolle, who is the publisher of a Negro newspaper called "Liberty News." This service was sponsored by the Miami Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Jimmie Lee Chatmon, who as its chairman, spoke about the nonviolent philosophy of King and stated he will continue to follow in King's footsteps and obtain Negro rights through nonviolent action.

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According to the source, this was a true memorial service in honor of King, with no inflamatory statements or indication of any future militant civil rights activity.

It was announced during the service that a collection taken came to approximately $250.00, which will be used to assist the work of the Miami SCLC.

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The April 16, 1968, issue of the "Miami Herald," page 2B, contains an article on the King memorial service. According to the article, Vice Mayor Irwin Christie of Miami expressed the hope that the ceremony would become an annual

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affair as part of Miami's recognition of King.

City Commissioner Athalie Range said Miami should be an example to the nation, passing its own open housing and fair employment laws, in addition to the Federally sponsored ones.

The April 16, 1968, issue of "The Miami News," an afternoon newspaper published at Miami, Florida, contained an article concerning the memorial service for King on the evening of April 15, 1968, which reflected that after the official speakers left the platform, a Negro speaker accused them of lying. Bernard Dyer, President of the Liberty City Community Council in Miami, told a dwindling crowd after the memorial service that lies were told "tonight" by two political persons on the platform and that a kind of genocide is going on in this country that must be stopped. F/A

Dyer said he intended only to pay tribute to a great man but he would be a liar if he allowed the audience to leave, thinking that everything was all right in Miami. He said that there are evictions and housing codes that are not complied with and that is violence against the blacks. He said $85.00 a month maximum for welfare is violence, septic tanks are overflowing right now in Liberty City and other black areas, and that is violence. He said Dr. King was talking about violence committed against the blacks as well as the other kind. He said that Americans settling this country said that the only good Indians were dead Indians and that attitude toward minority groups is not going to change without pressure.

Dyer was followed immediately on the speaker's platform by Reverend Benjamin Franklin, a labor union vice president in Dade County. He said that the Negro is not as free as "we want to be" and that he hopes every Negro in the world and especially in the United States will endeavor to hold up the dignity of Martin Luther King and the dignity his wife showed after his death. F/A

Another speaker was Reverend Thomas Monroe of the South Dade Presbyterian Church, who called on white Americans to stop "talking down to us, talking at us." He said: "Whites have not learned to listen to Negroes." He said that as long as Negro houses are substandard and Negro schools

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are substandard, there will be Negro revolt and occasionally these revolts will turn into riots. He said the United States Congress is another great agitator, the greatest rioter in the world. He said it refuses to recognize that there are two wars right here on our own soil, one against poverty and one against racial injustice and hatred. He said that just as many black people are dying in these two wars as are dying on foreign soil in Vietnam. He concluded by stating that he is here on American soil and is not free.

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Reference Memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida

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It is noted that the vacancy will in all probability be filled in the near future, so the Bureau is requested to give this matter expeditious attention.

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The Attorney General

April 23, 1968

Director, FBI

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CORETTA KING
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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Governor Rockefeller also extended an invitation to Mrs. King and her family to get together with his family when things settle down.

The above information is also being furnished to the White House.

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Source, in June, 1964 made available a flyer distributed by the Militant Labor Forum, announcing a party scheduled for May 30, 1964, at 116 University Place, New York City, which was for the purpose of welcoming home the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) presidential candidate. Scheduled to participate in a symposium at this affair was one JUNIUS GRIFFIN, author of "New York Times Series on Harlem Hate Gangs." This symposium was described as relating to "What's Behind Harlem Hate Gang Scare?"

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
April 25, 1968

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference

Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

I thought the President might like to know that we have received information from a confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past indicating that Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York recently contacted Coretta King, widow of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., who was President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at the time of his death. Governor Rockefeller asked Mrs. King if the Southern Christian Leadership Conference needed money or if she personally needed money. She referred Governor Rockefeller to Andrew Young, Executive Vice President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, on both questions.

Governor Rockefeller also extended an invitation to Mrs. King and her family to get together with his family when things settle down.

The above information is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall

NOTE:

The above information came from [redacted] and it was felt advisable to furnish this information only to the White House and the Attorney General. See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, 4/19/68, captioned "Coretta King, Security Matter - Communist," prepared by DMW:ekw. Classified "Secret" since it sets forth information from [redacted], a most sensitive source of the New York Office. Unauthorized disclosure of this information would jeopardize this source and would be prejudicial to national defense interests.

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

The following information has been submitted by confidential informants of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

The late Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, prior to his death had announced he would lead a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital in the Spring of 1968 in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King named this program the "Poor People's Campaign."

Recently his widow, Coretta King, was in conference with King's former principal advisor, Stanley Levison, who advised her to negotiate now for publication of a book on herself and King. He mentioned that a publishing firm, Grosset and Dunlap, is about to release an unauthorized publication on King. He advised that Harper and Rowe, a publishing firm that has published King's works in the past, is willing to have lawyers prepare an injunction to stop Grosset and Dunlap but need authorization from Mrs. King to do so. Levison read a telegram he had prepared for her signature and she agreed to have this telegram sent to Harper and Rowe.

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XEROX COPIES TO MRS. MILDRED STEGALL AT THE WHITE HOUSE; MR. WILLIAM WELSH; SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE, LABOR, AGRICULTURE, DEFENSE; SECRET SERVICE; AG; DAG; AAGS POLLAK, YEAGLEY, AND VINSON; INTER-DIVISION INFO UNIT; GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION; UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY; ARMY; NAVY; & AIR FORCE.

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Mrs. King mentioned that Dave Dellinger, National Director, National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, has been attempting to get her to make an appearance at his major mass antiwar demonstration scheduled for Central Park, New York, New York, on April 27, 1968. Levison counseled Mrs. King not to allow herself to be exploited but informed her it was all right to appear before this rally.

Concerning other personal appearances Levison advised Mrs. King that it would be proper for her to appear at the Mothers' march in connection with the "Poor People's Campaign." He emphasized that she should not make any other public appearances.

Levison advised he is aware that Ralph Abernathy, King's successor as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has been invited to appear on two nationally known television programs, namely "Face the Nation" and "Meet the Press." Levison stated he had advised Abernathy not to appear on these programs at the moment because he would be gambling with his reputation because if he "fell on his face" he would do so before the whole world. According to Levison, Abernathy has agreed to put off an appearance on these programs until just before the "Poor People's Campaign." This would give Abernathy more time to study legislation and political facts.

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

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See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 4/19/68, captioned as above, prepared by DMW:akw.

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A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED STANLEY LEVISON WAS A SECRET MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN JULY SIXTYTHREE. [redacted]

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1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

To: SACs, Atlanta
New York

From: Director, FBI (100-438794)

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From information received from [redacted] it is apparent that Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., former President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is relying heavily on Stanley Levison for advice and counsel, particularly in regards to writing a book.

Recipient offices are instructed to remain alert for all data regarding Mrs. King writing a book and furnish it immediately to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE: With the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., it is apparent that his widow will take a more active role in SCLC. Outgoing instructs field to remain alert for Mrs. King receiving the national prominence that her husband did by authoring a book. Her relationship to Stanley Levison bears watching in view of his communist background and the fact that she may play a more prominent role in the civil rights movement in future years.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
POOR PEOPLE'S MARCH - WASHINGTON, D. C.

Senator John McClellan called at 12 Noon today. He stated he had called the Attorney General (AG) to his office one day ago. He mentioned that he had asked the AG numerous questions about the forthcoming Poor People's March and the AG seemed to know nothing about it. He stated he had given the AG considerable information that he had heard, however, he had not been at liberty to disclose the source who had furnished him such information.

Senator McClellan also stated that he had asked the AG to furnish him information concerning this March, however, had not yet heard anything from the AG and he doubted that he would hear anything in the future.

Senator McClellan had received information from a source indicating that secret meetings have been held in Tennessee regarding the forthcoming March. At one meeting statements were made that "the only good white men are dead men." Attendants at the meetings in question have been ordered to obtain guns, knives and pistols. Youths were told to be in the vanguard of the marchers so that they could be attacked by police and then afterwards yell "police brutality." Attendants were also told that they did not need to take too many clothes because they would be able to pick up a wardrobe here in Washington as a result of looting.

Senator McClellan stated he had heard Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, state over the radio on the night of May 2, 1968, that he "planned to turn the town upside down and downside up." Senator McClellan stated he was extremely worried about this situation and would appreciate any information that the Director might allow him to have off the record regarding the forthcoming March. He stated he had no faith in the AG and that he was very much worried about the President's lack of action to make certain proper security was afforded the residents of the Nation's Capitol.

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Senator McClellan asked that I check to see if any of the above statements could be confirmed. He stated he would not in any manner embarrass the FBI and would not, of course, reveal us as his source. He reiterated that he could not disclose the identity of his source in view of this person's expressed request that his identity not be revealed.

MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

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MAY 10 1968

DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
Re: SCLC, Poor People's March

ACTION:

It is suggested that this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division so that a check can be made to ascertain if our current intelligence has provided information of the above nature. If approved, I will advise Senator McClellan, in strict confidence, whether or not we have received such information.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH SCLC HAS AGREED TO DIVIDE ONE THIRD, TWO THIRDS WITH BLACK DISC JOCKEY'S ASSOCIATION. CERILLO AND LEVISON ALSO DISCUSSED STATUS OF ONE J. OSCAR MC CLOUD (PHONETIC), WITH SCLC WHO HAS DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF (SCLC) FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN. CERILLO DESCRIBED MC CLOUD AS NEW PERSON IN BALTIMORE WHOM THEY HAD IN A FUND-RAISING SITUATION. LEVISON OBJECTED TO MC CLOUD USING TITLE OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN AND SAID THAT CERILLO SHOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. LETTER-HEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1968, that, on that date William Rutherford, Executive Director of the SCLC discussed with Stanley Levison the SCLC sponsored Poor People's Campaign (PPC) in Washington, D.C. Rutherford indicated that he was impressed with the way the opening of the campaign had gone. He told Levison that people got up and spoke spontaneously, that they (SCLC) did not know what these people were going to say. He recalled one woman telling the Attorney General, Ramsey Clark, that his department chases people who do not want to go into the Army but does nothing about segregated draft boards or about people stealing money from the poor. He also commented that he was one of the persons who worked up the committee that worked on "those position papers", which were good. He said they got up a draft called a Declaration of the PPC based mostly on Levison's work; "it is about 99.9% of that last draft you wrote".

Rutherford was upset over the lack of cooperation from the union in Memphis, Tennessee, which was involved in the garbage workers strike. He noted that he and Cerillo (phonetic) (SCLC Treasurer) were in Memphis and that "we" (the SCLC) had 30 buses lined up (for the PPC) but nothing had been paid for so he and Cerillo paid for the buses but the union "hasn't done a thing". He added that at a church rally the first night in Memphis they raised only $2,067.00 because they had no fund raiser and the union gave nothing. He continued that they were supposed to meet with the union at breakfast but the union representatives never showed up. Later, according to Rutherford,

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the union representative met with him, Cerillo and Jim Bevel (SCLC official) in Rutherford's room. Rutherford said he told them that he understood the union was going to donate $10,000, that the SCLC needed 2,000 sleeping bags for the people (engaged in the PPC) and that he wanted to know where the money was. He said that he told a union representative that he wanted $10,000, that this person walked out, called the New York Office of the union, and returned and said $5,000 had been approved and that they would get the other $5,000.

Rutherford stated that eventually a union official, Ralph Worth (phonetic), called Ralph (Abernathy, head of the SCLC) and said whatever his staff told Abernathy that would be the way it is. He said that two hours later they had $10,000.

Levison was incensed noting that the union had received $50,000 a week or two before the strike ended. Rutherford agreed noting that Walter Reuther brought them $50,000 and someone else brought them $100,000. Levison stated what Rutherford did was right but that it was not enough. Rutherford said he felt the union should maintain all the people in Washington who came from Memphis for the PPC.

Levison stated he would put this task before all the unions and threaten them that they (the SCLC) would make public the fact that, while other people have been giving, the group that Martin Luther King gave his life for, has done next to nothing. Levison added that they (the unions) should be told that they have to come up with $250,000 collectively.

Rutherford said he could see how the PPC could cost them a million dollars. He said that as of that day the balance in the conference (SCLC) account was $328,000 and $291,000 in the Foundation account giving them about $600,000 which he described as a "drop in the bucket" compared to what they need.

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Levison cautioned that Rutherford would have about $40,000 worth of bills and inquired if Rutherford ever received any money from Harry Wachtel's office. Rutherford stated they had received nothing and that he knew Wachtel received a check at his office for $56,000. He questioned why Abernathy had the check sent there.

Levison told Rutherford that an inter-religious committee ran an ad in which they asked for funds for the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation and the address was Wachtel's office. They said there is about $30,000 net in Wachtel's office from this ad.

Levison brought up the matter of a person named Mc Cloud (phonetic) from whom the New York Office of the SCLC had received a letter stating that the SCLC had endorsed the sale of a portrait of Martin Luther King as a fund raising method and describing Mc Cloud as the National Fund Raising Director. Rutherford described Mc Cloud as a young man loaned to the SCLC for three months by one Gay Wilmore (phonetic) of the Presbyterian Church and who follows rich white Presbyterian Church members. He added that Mc Cloud was in Atlanta working out of Ralph's (Abernathy's) old office. Levison recommended that the portrait sale be stopped.

Levison also urged that the SCLC membership drive not be delayed. He indicated that after the initial response to King's death, in the way of contributions, is over he does not know where the money is going to come from to support the SCLC. He warned that it could be a dying gasp if the opportunity is not seized to raise membership.

Levison was critical of Andrew Young (Executive Vice President of the SCLC) for not having contacted the Field Foundation which, he said, had "earmarked some $275,000". He said it has been one month since they offered the money and Young has not even called them. He stated that there is no point in going to other foundations until this is done. He then asked how this inaction must make the SCLC look in the foundation field. He said there is no organization in Atlanta taking care of these things and that Young has no business being in Marks, Mississippi if he has not handled the Field Foundation contact. He continued to criticize the SCLC stating that, at the moment, the organization is too flimsy, its biggest pillar (King) is gone, and that there is no organization with its leaders "running all over the place".

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They agreed that Rutherford, Young, Abernathy and Levison must sit down and discuss this problem.

Levison also stated that he believes that if they take a tough approach with the labor unions and ask for a half million dollars they will get it.

Levison mentioned that he is going to put out a new fund appeal (letter). He said the reason they have done so well is that they have a good list, the list they used being that of the American Civil Liberties Union which he described as a middle-class suburban list. He noted that they (SCLC) have used up about 65% of their best list and the same results cannot be expected.

Levison returned to a criticism of the SCLC stating that they do not have a staff that they just have "gypsies." He said they should be given a job to do and, if they fail, fire them. He said they have neither discipline nor people who take orders and carry them out. He recalled that King realized, before his death, that the SCLC had no staff and was deeply concerned about it. He urged that Abernathy stop making speeches and "start knocking heads together". Rutherford noted that Abernathy is concerned and has given him instructions to organize the SCLC office along military lines. Levison said it should be run along business lines with discipline all the way to the top. He added that as regards the Washington operation (PPC), there has to be a top staff to run it, that there is enough money but no organization.

They agreed that Rutherford would contact Abernathy and Young about the proposed meeting and Levison said he would go to the meeting whenever it is set up.

The source learned on May 5, 1968, that, on that date, Ralph Abernathy and Stanley Levison discussed the PPC with Abernathy expressing his pleasure with the way it has begun. Levison brought up the matter of a membership drive for the SCLC and asked if the Board (SCLC) had approved this idea. Abernathy said that it had and they agreed that now is the time for the membership drive because they will need support later on.

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Abernathy requested Levison to prepare a 30 minute speech for him on the PPC and its effect upon American society which he is to give before a club made up of middle-class Negroes. Levison agreed and also agreed to prepare a speech for Abernathy to use at Alabama State College commencement, on May 31, 1968.

Later on the same date, according to the source, Bill Rutherford requested Levison's wife to tell Levison that he had talked with Abernathy, Young and Chauncey (Eskridge SCLC representative in Chicago) and that they agreed they should hold a meeting in Atlanta on Wednesday, (May 8).

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HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

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ON MAY SEVEN LEVISON MADE RESERVATIONS TO FLY TO ATLANTA VIA EASTERN AIRLINES LEAVING NEW YORK ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM, MAY EIGHT. LATER THE SAME DATE LEVISON ADVISED WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, SCLC, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP TO ATLANTA FOR THE WEDNESDAY MEETING, MAY EIGHT, BECAUSE HE HAS TO SEE A SPECIALIST ABOUT A BAD TOOTH AND FURTHER THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO WRITE ABERNATHY'S SPEECH TO BE GIVEN ON WEDNESDAY.

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FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

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May 7 1968.

Mr. J.E. Hoover,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

On television I saw and heard Marlin Brandau, Mervin Griffen and others agree on a plan of 1% of their income to be sent in care of Mrs. Luther King for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Who would distibute these funds?

Is this a sound program and not to expaund the overthrow of our Government? Is this so-called people to people program one to augment the Federal job that is not being done properly a wise one?

Will you please answer the above questions and any other information that you may have?

Sincerely,

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304

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Your letter of May 7th has been received and I can appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

As the head of a strictly investigative agency of the Federal Government, it would not be proper for me to comment as you desire.

I am, however, enclosing some literature which I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) 54688

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194) 60519 13518

SUBJECT: SCLC
RACIAL MATTERS
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 11-22-68

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) ON [illegible] DATE [illegible]

Re New York teletype, 5/7/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven (11) copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 5/6 - 5/7/68, showing STANLEY LEVISON's opinion of the leadership of RALPH ABERNATHY. b2 b7D

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New York, New York
May 8, 1968

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference
(SCLC)
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 5/6/68, that on that date, Stanley Levison facetiously mentioned that he is like a white slave that has been handed down in the family from Martin (Luther King) to Coretta (King). He said he is called by Coretta and by Ralph Abernathy (President of the SCLC) and asked to have a particular thing written by a particular time.

On May 7, 1968, the source learned that Stanley Levison arranged to fly to Atlanta on May 8, 1968, (to attend a meeting of SCLC officials).

The source later advised on May 7, 1968, that, on that date, Stanley Levison told William Rutherford, (SCLC Executive Director) that he would be unable to attend the Wednesday meeting in Atlanta because he was seeing a specialist about a bad tooth and that he would be unable to write Abernathy's speech to be given at a May 8 luncheon.

Rutherford stated that Abernathy would be upset. He added that Abernathy has been very paranoiac and insecure that this speech is to be his first speech in Atlanta and

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he wanted to make a big deal of it. Levison commented that Abernathy is going to have to learn "that he's going to have to make it with what he's got. You can't build the audiences for him and I think he'll gave to learn it in this situation." He noted that if Abernathy is not going to make it then someone else will have to do it. Levison warned that Abernathy cannot expect to be "propped up" and have a "false face" put on.

Rutherford explained that Abernathy is fearful that he is going to be ignored by the press and, therefore, "he is pushing."

Rutherford and Levison then discussed the SCLC sponsored Poor People's Camgaign (PPC) with Rutherford stating that it is coming along well but that it is not as numerous as they thought it would be. He added that, still, there are quite a number of people on their way to Washington, D.C.

Levison brought up the fact that a telegram had been sent by the New York Coordinating Committee for the PPC signed by a Cornelius Givens to a list of celebrities asking them to appear on a telethon to raise money but that there was no date, address or telephone number for this group. Levison said he felt they, (the SCLC) will have to issue a press release saying they have no connection with these groups. He also said if it was issued by a New York SCLC approved group, the effort should be called off.

Subsequently, on the same date, the source learned that Stanley Levison advised Bill Rutherford that he had managed to prepare five pages for Ralph (Abernathy, for his speech on May 8) which he had dictated via telephone. Levison also inquired if the SCLC is definite about the 30th (May 30 as the day for the gathering of all the PPC participants in Washington, D. C.) and Rutherford said it is definite. Levison questioned how the SCLC could get many people by the 30th and Rutherford said they (the SCLC) will have students.

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Levison warned that Abernathy should stop making speeches and start administering the SCLC and organizing the march (the PPC). He said that Abernathy will lose "people like Harry (Belafonte) and me" if he continues to show that he cannot run the organization. He added that Abernathy should stop running around having his picture taken and organize the march. He said he should be writing to organizations to get them for the 30th. Levison also stated that he is afraid the impression is being conveyed that the organization is falling apart under Abernathy and Rutherford agreed. [S]

Cornelius Givens

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, April 16, 1968, page one, identified Cornelius Givens as the Coordinator for the New York Steering Committee of the PPC.

Stanley Levison

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Harry Belafonte

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

Southern Christian Leaders Conference

SUBJECT: SCLC
RACIAL MATTERS
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AGENCY: ACSI, OSI; SEC. SER; ISD, CRD, RAO

DATE FORW: 5/15/68

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BY: ICC AT 4LHM 862 270 b2 b7D

Re NY teletype 5/14/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of a LHM containing information furnished by [redacted] on 5/13/68, concerning a conversation between HARRY BELAFONTE and STANLEY LEVISON.

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It is noted that in the conversation with LEVISON, BELAFONTE stated that he digs MC CARTHY "because he wants to get rid of HOOVER". LEVISON stated "yes, but that's civil liberties". There were no further comments. [redacted] REC 14

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
Racial Matters

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on May 13, 1968, that on that date Harry Belafonte told Stanley Levison that he had talked with a couple of persons about a Swedish Committee that may be worth a quarter of a million dollars to the SCLC. He said, however, that "they" want Coretta King to make the trip (to Sweden) and that, he, thinks this would be a good way to get her out of the country. Levison agreed and felt that Coretta would like to go.

Levison mentioned that he would like to set up a committee which would run some advertisements urging Senators Kennedy and Mc Carthy to stop fighting between themselves on personality issues and address themselves to the issues of peace, racism and poverty.

Belafonte related that he has been approached by a key individual who is finding it difficult to deal with Ralph Abernathy, Head of the SCLC. Levison noted that Belafonte was probably speaking about Jessie (Jackson, a member of the SCLC Executive Staff). He said he wanted to tell Belafonte something very confidential about Jessie and they agreed to meet for a discussion.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Re New York airtel and LHM to Bureau 5/3/68 captioned "SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS".

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Re airtel requested Atlanta advise New York of the identity of "CERILLO". This individual referred to in re LHM obviously is CIRILO A. MC SWEEN currently Treasurer of SCLC. [redacted] b7D U.S.A.

[redacted] Re New York LHM also refers to one J. OSCAR MC CLOUD (phonetic) [redacted] b1

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [redacted]

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ON MAY NINE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, BILL RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SCLC AND ~~STANLEY~~ STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED RALPH ABERNATHY AND POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC). RUTHERFORD SAID THERE IS A "SMEAR THING" OUT ON RALPH (ABERNATHY). SOMEONE CALLED HIM TO REPORT THAT A CONGRESSMAN FROM SOUTH CAROLINA READ INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD THAT ABERNATHY REPORTEDLY ~~WAS~~ CHARGED WITH SOMETHING SUCH AS A RAPE ATTACK TEN YEARS AGO. LEVISON SAID IT WOULD NOT AMOUNT TO ANYTHING BECAUSE IT WAS TOO OLD, THAT NOBODY PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO THE CHARGE WHEN IT WAS MADE. RUTHERFORD SAID THEY AGREED THAT THEIR LINE WOULD BE THAT IT WAS A SCURRILOUS ATTACK MADE TO ASSASSINATE HIS CHARACTER. RUTHERFORD

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MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE ARE SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY TWO MEXICAN AMERICANS IN ALBUQUERQUE READY TO GO (TO WASHINGTON) AND THAT THERE ARE INDIANS READY TO PARTICIPATE FROM NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA AND OKLAHOMA. HE SAID THE POOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MOBILIZED TO PARTICIPATE (IN THE PPC) ARE DISCOURAGED BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO MEANS OF TRAVEL. RUTHERFORD REFERRED TO A SPEECH GIVEN BY ABERNATHY ON MAY EIGHT WHICH HE SAID RECEIVED HIGH PRAISE AND THANKED LEVISON FOR IT. RUTHERFORD SAID ABERNATHY IS "GOING SLIGHTLY CRAZY WITH THE THRILL OF LEADERSHIP" AND IS AFRAID JESSE (PROBABLY JACKSON, SCLC EXECUTIVE STAFF) IS TRYING TO TAKE "IT" OVER. LEVISON PRAISED CONDUCT OF ANDY (YOUNG, SCLC EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT) AS EXEMPLARY AND SAID ABERNATHY "SHOULD KISS HIS FEET". RUTHERFORD AGAIN REFERRED TO PARTICIPATION OF INDIANS IN PPC AND LEVISON ASKED WHY THE (SCLC) COULD NOT PROVIDE TRANSPORATION FOR THEM. RUTHERFORD SAID THEY HAVE THE MONEY BUT HE CAN NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SENDING THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OUT WEST. LEVISON URGED THAT RUTHERFORD SEND THE MONEY ADDING THAT IF RUTHERFORD NEEDS SUPPORT FOR SENDING

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MONEY TO GROUPS WHOSE LEADERS RUTHERFORD KNOWS, HE, LEVISON IS WILLING TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY WITH HIM. LEVISON SAID THE PRESS AND CONGRESS ARE HOPING TO SEE THEM FAIL (IN THE PPC) AND ARE FEARFUL OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID THEY (SCLC) HAVE CREATED A CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE SITUATION WITHOUT BREAKING A LAW. HE URGED GETTING THE PEOPLE TO WASHINGTON. RUTHERFORD AND LEVISON DISCUSSED SENDING A "TOUGH" TELEGRAM (APPEALING FOR FUNDS) TO WALTER REUTHER AT THE CONVENTION OF THE UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS AND AGREED TO SEND IT OVER RUTHERFORD'S SIGNATURE EXACTLY AS LEVISON HAD WRITTEN IT. ~~LHM~~ memo FOLLOWS.

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CC: MR. TRAINOR
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/11/68 SECRET

Attached relates to highly confidential data received regarding Poor People's Campaign and Ralph Abernathy, head of Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Regarding alleged rape attack by Abernathy, as mentioned in teletype, this probably refers to data which received press publicity in South Carolina in 1958 regarding Abernathy's sexual relations with a 15-year-old girl in 1952.

Pertinent parts of the attached, and other information received 5/10/68, relative to the Poor People's Campaign, being furnished by teletype to the White House, Secret Service and military. Copies of teletype being furnished Attorney General, interested Divisions of the Department and other interested U. S. Government agencies.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

Bureau authority is requested for Atlanta to conduct a survey for possible tesur of SCLC Headquarters, 334 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, and the residence of CORRETTA SCOTT KING, 234 Sunset Avenue, NW, Atlanta. A full security is assured in conducting this survey. (U)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY LHM OR SLIP(S) ON [illegible] DATE [illegible]

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Reurairtel 5/9/68. (U)

Reairtel requested authority to conduct survey for technical surveillances on Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Headquarters and on residence of Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr. (U)

For the information of Atlanta the Attorney General presently has under consideration requests for technical surveillances on SCLC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D.C. It is not deemed advisable at this time to request authority for a technical surveillance on Coretta King. You will be advised of the Attorney General's decision in this matter. (U)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

SUBJECT: SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS (OO:AT)

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On 5/2/68, [redacted] furnished information concerning a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and one CERILLO (ph) who was then in the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tenn. LEVISON had called this motel to speak with ANDREW YOUNG, who was not yet registered [redacted] b2 b7D

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There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven (11) copies of an LHM containing the content of the conversation between LEVISON and CIRILLO. It is NY's belief that CIRILLO (ph) was in Memphis with the rest of the SCLC officials to take part in the memorial service at the Lorraine Motel where MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated.

Atlanta is requested to advise NY of the identity of CERILLO.

One copy of this LHM is being sent to Memphis for information.

One copy also is being sent to Baltimore for its information since the J. OSCAR MC CLOUD (ph) discussed by LEVISON and CERILLO was said to be in Baltimore.

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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] a highly sensitive source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein.

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) - Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on May 2, 1968, that, on that date Stanley Levison was in contact with one Cerillo (ph) whom the source did not know but who was known to be in Memphis, Tennessee, in connection with SCLC activity. Cerillo told Levison that "we" (SCLC) have been doing great things nationally, that he had a Tag (ph) Day on April 27, 1968, in Chicago, which paid off "tenfold", and that he recently spoke to Sammy Davis, Jr., who is in Chicago with the play "Golden Boy". He said Davis was going to give "us" (the SCLC) his May 20th proceeds. Cerillo noted further that they have contacted schools "and all that" and they (the schools) are supposed to have funds. In addition, he said that on Sunday (May 5, 1968) the Universities of Chicago and Northwestern would be having programs "for us".

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Levison commented that he has been working on a meeting to be held at Randall's Island Stadium, New York City. He explained that one of the major record companies for rock and roll is going to cooperate with the Black Disc Jockeys Association in putting on a big affair at Randall's Island for about 25,000 people. He said it is hoped to raise between one hundred and one hundred fifty thousand dollars which "we" (the SCLC) have agreed to divide with the Black Disc Jockeys Association, one third - two thirds.

Levison referred to a form letter he had received from Atlanta from one J. Oscar McCloud (ph) in which McCloud is promoting a memorial portrait of Martin Luther King to be sold for one dollar. Levison said that he believes this portrait could be used as a membership card by the SCLC and that they should not, therefore, be selling it because they would be competing with themselves. Levison said he did not believe the SCLC had endorsed any such pictures and inquired as to McCloud's identity.

Cerillo stated that McCloud is a new fellow he had just read about and whom the SCLC had in a fund-raising situation. Cerillo said he understood that Levison had a meeting in Atlanta at which it was agreed that anything such as sales, requiring an endorsement of the SCLC, must be approved by a committee of which Levison is a member.

Levison stated that this was true and agreed with Cerillo that McCloud has no authority to confirm or deny any photograph. Levison added that he was also upset because McCloud, on the form letter, described himself as the National Director of the Fund Raising Campaign. Levison told Cerillo that this could not be true "if you are the Treasurer and don't know about it." Levison added that he has been involved in national fund raising all these years and that he knows nothing about what McCloud is doing. He said McCloud has taken

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on a title which he should not take on and that if the (SCLC) Executive Staff gave it to him they should not have done it. Levison added that it will complicate matters because "we're" working on certain things that have to do with fund-raising in New York and "you're working on things".

Levison said if people should suddenly point out that the national fund raiser is McCloud, he and Cerillo will look foolish. He counseled that Cerillo "as the top financial officer" should be the one to take this question up.

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Re Chicago teletypes 5/8-9/68.

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Special Agents who observed pertinent details of the PPC, 5/8/68 were [redacted] b7C

Sources utilized in the enclosed, in order of use, are [redacted] b7C b7D

Springfield teletype of 5/8/68, this caption, set forth information reflecting background data regarding CHARLES W. JEFFERSON, and the Ethiopian World Federation, Inc., to both of whom autos were listed which were observed with the Midwest Caravan. Chicago is unable to locate any information in indices identifiable with JEFFERSON.

Regarding the Ethiopian World Federation, Inc., OO-New York, BUfile 100-35128, there is no information available reflecting it has been involved locally in civil rights or black nationalist activities.

The source referred to [redacted] b7D who is himself knowledgeable concerning local civil rights leaders and who was personally on the scene at Liberty Baptist Church, from which the Midwest Caravan departed Chicago.

Chicago is continuing to follow captioned matter closely and all pertinent information developed will be provided the Bureau and interested offices. Chicago is canvassing all security and racial sources in an effort to identify any subversive and/or black nationalist oriented individuals who may be participating in the PPC. Any positive information developed will be appropriately submitted to the Bureau and WFO.

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Chicago, Illinois

May 10, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC)

The late Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), announced publicly in the fall of 1967 that he would conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D.C., in the spring of 1968. This campaign would represent an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King named this program the Poor Poeple's Campaign (PPC).

Information which is set forth below is a composite summary of activities concerning the Midwest Caravan, PPC, which departed Chicago May 8, 1968, the information provided by a confidential source, another Government agency which collects intelligence information locally and by Special Agents of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who were in a position to observe certain of these activities.

Shortly prior to noon, May 8, 1968, crowds began to gather at the two locations designated as starting points for the Midwest Caravan, that is the Stone Temple Baptist Church, 3622 West Douglas Boulevard, Chicago, and the Liberty Baptist Church, 4849 South Park Avenue. As of approximately noon on that date some 250 to 300 persons were present at the west side location, however, not all these individuals gave the impression they were to participate in the Caravan. At the Liberty Baptist Church at about this time, and into the early afternoon of this date, some 500 to 600 persons were gathered. Reverend Jesse Jackson, director of local PPC organizing efforts and head of SCLC's Operation Breadbasket (OB) program, was observed here holding a press conference shortly after 1:00 PM. During this conference he made

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remarks explanatory of the PPC Caravan, its route to Washington and the purpose of the campaign itself. Crowds at both locations were orderly, however, appeared disorganized and confused.

Father James Groppi, well-known civil rights advocate from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was observed to arrive at the Stone Temple Baptist Church at approximately 11:30 AM, with two Greyhound bus loads of Caravan participants, some 60 persons in all. Of this number some 8 to 10 appeared to be of the "hippie" variety. Another bus was observed to arrive in the vicinity of the Stone Temple Baptist Church, from Milwaukee, at approximately noontime, Checkerway Coach number 900, with some 15 to 18 persons on board, representative of Milwaukee's OB program.

Also observed having arrived at Stone Temple Baptist Church during the morning of this date was a bus from the Minneapolis area, of the LaCross Tours and Western Stages Coach Company, containing some 35 to 38 persons for participation in the Midwest Caravan.

Shortly after 2:00 PM the individuals gathered at the Stone Temple Baptist Church left this location, via the various buses parked in the area, and at approximately 2:30 PM joined the crowd already gathered at the Liberty Baptist Church. These two groups, representing a total of some 800 to 900 persons, remained at this location until approximately 5:30 PM, at which time they received instructions to board available buses to begin the Caravan and depart Chicago on route to Indianapolis, Indiana.

It might be noted at this point that Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President, SCLC, had been expected to arrive in Chicago during the morning hours of this date from Atlanta, Georgia, to help "kick off" the Midwest Caravan. Abernathy did not arrive as expected, however, and did not subsequently appear in Chicago during the course of this date.

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Father James Groppi and Reverend Jesse Jackson appeared to be in charge of the organization of the Midwest Caravan and during the afternoon hours at Liberty Baptist Church Reverend Jackson made two seperate speeches to the assembled crowd. His remarks represented a strong plea for non-violence during the course of the Caravan and subsequently in Washington. He asked all who were interested in violence to leave the Caravan before it began. He described at length the background and purpose of the PPC, stated that it was for all poor people, inclusive of American Indians, southern whites, and others, not just Negroes. Reverend A. D. King, brother of Martin Luther King, Jr., was observed to be present at Stone Temple Baptist Church and also addressed those assembled as did Reverend Cordy T. Vivian, currently connected with the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions, 40 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, and a former SCLC official. During the late afternoon of this date a total of 18 buses were observed parked in the vicinity of the Liberty Baptist Church, identified as follows:

Bus	License Plate
Greyhound Bus Number 2796	Wisconsin license plates N271
Greyhound Bus Number 2854	Wisconsin license plates N329
LaCross Tours and Western Stages Coach	Minnesota license plates BY 2193
Checkerway Coach Number 900	Wisconsin license plates N938
Checkerway Coach Number 912	Illinois license plates H11123
Bus with no company designated but identical in appearance to Checkerway 912	Illinois license plates H11124

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Bus	License Plate
Bus with no company designated but identical in appearance to Checkerway 912	Illinois license plates H11122
Trailways SET Number 705	Indiana license plates A231E
Trailways SET Number 903	Indiana license plates A236E
Trailways SET Number 408	Indiana license plates A216E
Trailways SET Number 951	Indiana license plates A241E
Trailways SET Number 703	Indiana license plates A230E
Trailways SET Number 905	Indiana license plates A238E
Trailways SET Number 711	Indiana license plates A233E
Trailways SET Number 902	Indiana license plates A235E
Trailways SET Number 101	Illinois license plates H22205
Trailways SET Number 109	Indiana license plates A197E
Trailways SET Number 214	Tennessee license plates VA 1696

Of the above buses Trailways 109 and 214 were not utilized by the Caravan and were reportedly returned to their garages. Trailways buses numbered 101, 408, 703 and 711 departed from Liberty Baptist Church with the Caravan, empty, but gave the appearance of being a part of the Caravan and en route to Indianapolis. These buses were observed to be loaded

with some quantity of food stuffs in cartons and packages to be utilized during the course of the Caravan. The remaining buses were fully loaded, with the number of participants estimated as some 500 to 550 persons at maximum. As noted, the Caravan departed from the church at approximately 5:30 PM, left the Chicago suburban area shortly after 6:00 PM and was expected to arrive in Indianapolis at approximately 10:00 to 10:30 PM on the evening of May 8, 1968.

The above confidential source advised on the morning of May 9, 1968, that it had learned that several private automobiles had been observed traveling with the Caravan, these automobiles described as follows:

1966 Chevrolet, Wisconsin license plates W6732, containing three white clerics and three young Negro girls;

1964 white Valiant, four-door, Illinois license plates HN 3416, carrying four male Negroes, SCLC stickers on side;

1964 Pontiac, maroon with black top, Illinois license CM 2014, containing several male Negroes, one observed utilizing handi-talkie two-way radio;

1966 Plymouth, green-grey, Illinois license plates RF 944, containing one male Negro;

1964 Oldsmobile, Illinois license RY 3895, with loudspeaker attached to automobile and eight foot antenna, occupant observed utilizing handi-talkie.

The above source advised that it had determined that the automobile with Wisconsin license plates above was registered to the St. Benedict the Moor Church, 1004 West State Street, Milwaukee, a Roman Catholic Church operated by the Capuchian Order.

Preliminary inquiry at the Illinois State Motor Vehicle Bureau (MVB), Springfield, Illinois, reflected the above Illinois license numbers were registered as follows:

License number HN 3416 to Christian Religious Builders, 4559 South St. Lawrence, Chicago, on a 1955 Studebaker;

Illinois license RF 944 to Charles Jefferson, 3841 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago;

Illinois license RY 3895 not yet in file;

Illinois license CM 2014 to Daisy Jarrett, 16200 South Lowe, Chicago.

During the afternoon of May 9, 1968, this source advised additionally that a 1964 Ford station wagon, Illinois license number CP 4486, was observed with the Midwest Caravan in the Indianapolis, Indiana area. An inquiry at the Springfield MVB reflected that this automobile was listed to the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, 6341 South Dorchester Street, Chicago.

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[redacted] conversant with civil rights activities and personages locally, advised on May 9, 1968, that their coverage of the departure of the Midwest Caravan of the PPC did not reflect any prominent or leading local civil rights people evident among those departing by bus on route to Washington, this with the exception of Father Groppi and Reverend Jackson. Those traveling appeared to be "just people", many youths and teenagers among them. This source advised that it appeared many in the local leadership were not inclined toward such travel, however, it was anticipated that a number of prominent local civil rights people would in all probability travel independently to Washington, D.C., for the inception of the mass demonstrations later during May.

This source noted that it had been learned on May 9, 1968, for example, that Chester Robinson, Executive Director, West Side Organization (WSO), a small west side civil rights group, working actively to promote the PPC and full employment among Negroes, would fly to Washington at a later date but did not leave Chicago in the Midwest Caravan.

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on May 9, 1968, that, on that date, William Rutherford, Executive Director of the SCLC, and Stanley Levison, discussed Ralph Abernathy, head of the SCLC, and the Poor People's Campaign (PPC). Rutherford related that there is a "smear thing" out on Abernathy, that someone from "Jet" magazine called him to report that a Congressman from South Carolina read into the Congressional Record that it had been published in some Negro newspaper that Abernathy had been charged ten years ago with something such as a rape attack or seduction.

Levison said it would not amount to anything because it was too old and that it did not amount to much when it happened because nobody paid much attention to it. Rutherford noted that they (the SCLC) agreed their line would be that it was a scurrilous attack made to assassinate Abernathy's character ten years ago and is being dredged up for the same purpose now and that they will refuse to dignify it by discussing it.

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Rutherford commented that he was told by a Tom Houck (phonetic) that they have 642 Mexican Americans in Albuquerque U.S.A ready to go (to Washington D. C. for the PPC) and that "we" (the SCLC) have Indians from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Oklahoma and some other place (ready to participate). Rutherford noted that the poor people, who have never been mobilized to do anything in their lives, are discouraged because they have no means of travel. He said also that they (the SCLC) need someone to speak on the West Coast because they have not had anyone out there. Rutherford pointed out that, historically, Indians never protest, mobilize, or demonstrate, that they have gone to great pains to move these people who are ready to go and that they would be setting them back another 40 years if they do not get them to Washington.

Levison inquired why transportation could not be provided for the Indians and Rutherford stated that the SCLC has the money but he could not assume responsibility for sending $35,000.00 out West. He added that a Father Barigan (phonetic) is doing a terrific job in San Antonio, Tex has people lined up, but has no money.

Levison urged that Rutherford issue the money on his own authority. He said he would send the money rather than lose the people, pointing out that money is no good if they do not "pull off the operation" (the PPC). Levison added that the press and Congress are hoping for the SCLC to fail and are also fearful of their arrival in Washington, D. C. He said they (the Congress) do not know what to do, that "we" (the SCLC) have created a civil disbedience situation without breaking a law. He added that if the SCLC brings a lot of prople to Washington "they" cannot put them in jail and cannot allow them to wander around Washington. Levison noted that "the fact is, without being a riot, it's goinr to be as dislocating as civil disobedience". He urged getting the people to Washington, D. C. Levison told Rutherford that if he needed support for sending money to specific groups whose leaders Rutherford knows he, Levison, is willing to take the responsibility with him.

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Rutherford stated that Walt (Walter Fauntroy, Washington, D. C., SCLC representative) was in Atlanta and ~~discussed with~~ them the possible site for the housing of the people who come to Washington for the PPC and the matter of asking for a permit. Rutherford said that Walt told them that if a proper place was not given and "we came and started squatting then the whole leadership was going to allow itself to be arrested with the squatters and then what would happen in the country".

Rutherford informed Levison that Abernathy's speech (given on Wednesday, May 8, 1968, in Atlanta) received high praise and he thanked Levison for it.

Rutherford stated that Abernathy is "going slightly crazy with the thrill of leadership" and is "paranoiac as hell". He said Abernathy is afraid that Jesse (Jackson, a member of the SCLC Executive Staff) is trying to take "it" over and that he, Abernathy, told "us" that the day before. Rutherford added that, in addition, "he's rather jealous because he thinks we'd want Andy" (Andrew Young, Executive Vice President of the SCLC).

Levison stated that Young has behaved in an exemplary manner and that Abernathy "should kiss his feet" because of the way Young has behaved. Rutherford agreed.

The source also advised that Rutherford and Levison agreed to send a "tough" telegram (appealing for funds) to Walter Reuther at the United Automobile Workers Union Convention (in Atlantic City, New Jersey) over Rutherford's signature exactly as Levison had written it.

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FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 5P

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS OO-ATLANTA

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ON MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, [redacted]

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ADVISED THAT STANLEY LEVISON AND BILL RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SCLC, DISCUSSED POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC). RUTHERFORD MENTIONED A TELEGRAM FROM CHRISTIAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH, YUMA, ARIZONA, ASKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GET INDIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN PPC. RUTHERFORD SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE BUT THAT THE SCLC DOES HAVE COORDINATORS WORKING WITH THE INDIANS AND MEXICAN AMERICANS. RUTHERFORD MENTIONED THAT A BOB BROWN WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON ON MAY THIRTEEN TO REPORT ON A TRIP TO CHICAGO. BROWN, ACCORDING TO RUTHERFORD, SAID THERE IS A SERIOUS EFFORT ON PART OF SOME PEOPLE TO MAKE JESSE JACKSON (SCLC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER) SOMETHING HE IS NOT "LIKE PRESIDENT OF THE SCLC". LEVISON MENTIONED THAT HARRY BELAFONTE IS VERY IMPRESSED WITH JACKSON, THAT THE SCLC IS GOING TO BE FRAGMENTED BECAUSE ABERNATHY IS NOT GIVING LEADERSHIP. HE SAID THE TWO PERSONS,

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Mrs Martin Luther King

NAMED TO LEADERSHIP, CORETTA KING AND ABERNATHY, ARE NOT GIVING IT. LEVISON SAID "A FEW OF US" HAVE TO SIT DOWN WITH ABERNATHY AND PERHAPS CORETTA, TO "SPELL IT OUT" BECAUSE THEY INSIST ON BEING LEADERS WHILE THEY ARE NOT. RUTHERFORD WAS CRITICAL OF CORETTA KING FOR HAVING ARRANGED FOR JESSE JACKSON TO ACCEPT A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH SOMEONE ELSE. LEVISON SAID THERE HAS TO BE A CONFRONTATION ON MONEY PROBLEMS BECAUSE CORETTA WANTS TO GET MONEY TO MAINTAIN HER SWOLLEN STAFF. RUTHERFORD AND LEVISON AGREED TO A MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY THIRTEEN TO TAKE UP THE MATTERS THEY DISCUSSED.

ON MAY ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, CLARENCE JONES WAS IN CONTACT WITH LEVISON. JONES MENTIONED A FORTHCOMING DINNER AT THE ESSEX HOUSE (BELIEVED BY SOURCE TO BE SCLC DINNER ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT) STATING HE ASSUMED RIGHT PEOPLE RECEIVED INVITATIONS. LEVISON SAID HE WOULD NOT ASSUME THIS BECAUSE THE LIST WAS MADE UP BY LARGELY JEWISH PROFESSIONAL FUND RAISERS. THE SOURCE LEARNED ON MAY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT THAT, ON THAT DATE, ANDREW YOUNG AND STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED THE PPC WITH LEVISON STATING HE WAS DISAPPOINTED AT THE SMALL SHOWING OF PPC MARCHERS IN CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK CITY, ON MAY ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. LEVISON SAID ALSO THAT ABERNATHY IS BECOMING

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OVER EXPOSED AND KEEPS REPEATING HIMSELF TOO MUCH. LEVISON INDICATED HE WANTS YOUNG TO COME FORWARD A LITTLE MORE, THAT YOUNG'S IS THE IMAGE THE PUBLIC SHOULD SEE MORE OF NOW. YOUNG NOTED THEY ARE HAVING A STAFF MEETING MOST OF THE DAY ON MAY THIRTEEN AT THE PITT MOTEL IN WASHINGTON, DC AND LEVISON SAID HE WOULD ATTEND (WFO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED).

LATER THE SAME DATE, CLARENCE JONES AND STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED AN OFFER FROM A BOB CRUZ (PHONETIC) TO APPROACH RECORD COMPANIES TO SOLICIT MONEY FOR THE PPC. JONES TOLD LEVISON THAT EUGENE MC CARTHY WANTS TO MAKE A MAJOR STATEMENT ON THE PPC AND DO IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT HE COULD ASK ALL CANDIDATES TO WELCOME THE PPC MARCHERS. JONES SAID THE OTHER THING IS A STATEMENT MC CARTHY IS PREPARED TO DO ON HIS OWN. JONES NOTED THAT MC CARTHY IS SPEAKING AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY ON MAY NINETEEN AND WANTS TO ENDORSE THE PPC AND IT IS JONES' RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE MC CARTHY GUIDELINES AS TO THE BEST WAY TO PUBLICLY ENDORSE IT. JONES ASKED LEVISON TO GIVE HIM THE KIND OF THING MC CARTHY SHOULD EMPHASIZE. LEVISON SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER IT AND GIVE IT TO

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JONES WHEN HE RETURNS FROM HIS MEETING WITH YOUNG IN WASHINGTON. LEVISON MENTIONED THAT HE WANTS TO GET A COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE, WHO WOULD SUPPORT KENNEDY AND MC CARTHY, AROUND THE ISSUES BOTH AGREE WITH AND PUT ADS IN NEWSPAPERS. HE SAID THIS WOULD GIVE SOLIDARITY TO THE WHOLE PEACE GROUP WHICH IS IN DANGER OF GETTING LOST. HE SAID HE IS WORKING ON THE ~~TEST~~ TEXT OF THIS AD. JONES MENTIONED THAT FLOYD MC KISSICK (HEAD OF CORE) AND ROY INNIS (CORE OFFICIAL) ARE HOSTING A MEETING ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON (MAY NINETEEN) AND MC CARTHY IS GOING TO MEET WITH SOME OF THE BLACK LEADERS OF THE GHETTO NATIONALLY AND THEN AT SIX PM WITH THE ESTABLISHED NEGRO LEADERSHIP SUCH AS ROY WILKENS AND WHITNEY YOUNG. JONES MENTIONED THAT CORE IS ALMOST READY TO PUBLICLY ENDORSE RICHARD NIXON. HE SAID NIXON MADE A SPEECH ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK CAPTIALISM AND THAT CORE "WENT HOG WILD OVER IT" AND HAVE HAD MEETINGS WITH NIXON. LEVISON DESCRIBED MC KISSICK AS AN OPPORTUNIST AND SAID HE KNOWS THE YEARNING TO BECOME A BUSINESS MAN IS A POWERFUL THING IN THE GHETTO. LEVISON WAS CRITICAL OF GIVING NEGROES THE IDEA THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BUILD A SEPARATE ECONOMY IN THE GHETTO. HE SAID HE

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

DISLIKED THE CONCEPT OF BLACK CAPITALISM GETTING LEGALITY AND CURRENCY. ON MAY TWELVE LEVISON DISCUSSED WITH ONE SI FASHIA (PHONETIC) THE NAMES OF PERSONS TO BE INVITED TO THE SCLC DINNER AND SI NOTED THAT ABOUT FIFTEEN TOP UNION MEN HAVE BEEN INVITED SUCH AS THE HOTEL AND CLUB EMPLOYEES AND AMALGAMATED LAUNDRY WORKERS. SI STATED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT TWENTY ACCEPTANCES THUS FAR. SAID THEY WANT BELAFONTE TO CHAIR THE DINNER.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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Date 5/13/68

Attached concerns discussions by Stanley Levison, identified as secret member of Communist Party as late as 1963, with other Southern Christian Leadership Conference leaders.

Information about leadership by Rev. Ralph D. Abernethy; possible statement in support of Poor People's Campaign by Senator Eugene McCarthy; and possible endorsement of Presidential Candidate Richard Nixon by the Congress of Racial Equality, a militant civil rights group, is set out.

Information in attached will be disseminated by teletype to the White House, Attorney General and other appropriate interested agencies, except the information about Senator McCarthy and Mr. Nixon which will be disseminated separately to the White House and Attorney General only by letter.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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WITH ABERNATHY. LEVISON SAID BELAFONTE WAS PROBABLY SPEAKING ABOUT JESSIE (JACKSON SCLC EXECUTIVE STAFF) AND THAT HE, LEVISON, WANTED TO TELL BELAFONTE SOMETHING VERY CONFIDENTIAL ABOUT JESSIE. THEY AGREED TO MEET FOR A DISCUSSION. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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Attached sets forth discussion between Stanley Levison, principal adviser to the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and long-time secret member of CPUSA, and Harry Belafonte, Negro entertainer. [redacted]

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on May 16, 1968, that on that date, Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison. Jones informed Levison that he had received a telegram from Senator Eugene McCarthy which McCarthy had sent to Coretta King and the Reverend Ralph Abernathy (head of the SCLC) at the Poor People's Campaign (PPC), Washington, DC. Jones noted that in the telegram McCarthy extended his greetings to the PPC and said he shared their concerns. McCarthy also said that the attention and resources of this country must be redirected to the urgent problems at home and that their presentations to the Congress and the people could help focus attention on the work that must be done.

Jones commented that he had spoken to McCarthy's wife and daughters about an answer to (Richard) Nixon because Nixon has had some effect on the black militants. He said that Nixon's campaign manager had called him and wanted to see him the following week to discuss what Jones thinks about indigenous black capitalism.

Jones criticized an article by Nixon which he said appeared in the "New York Times", a New York City newspaper, and in which, according to Jones, Nixon told Congress not to give in to the demands of the PPC.

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Levison stated that Nixon has placed himself in a perfect position, a position where he can oppose the PPC and have black militants interested in his idea (of black capitalism for the ghettos). Levison attacked this idea of building ghetto industries owned by the people of the ghetto. He continued to attack the idea of putting plants in the ghetto and said the idea should be the subject of a critical article.

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Jones mentioned that Floyd McKissick (National Director Congress of Racial Equality) had told him that "we dig Nixon". He said he, Jones, had contacted the partner of Nixon's campaign manager and said, if Nixon is creating this fanfare, he, Jones, wants to find out what Nixon is talking about. Jones added that they jumped at the opportunity and that he is supposed to meet with Nixon next week. Levison noted that the dangerous thing is that it is not just an opportunist or a faily stupid person like MicKissick who will go for the idea.

Jones brought up the subject of the McCarthy movement (for the presidency). He said it is split and that there are essentially two contending points of view and that he has to represent a point of view in a speech he is to give at Madison Square Garden on Sunday (May 19, 1968) for the Coalition for a Democratic Alternative. He said one point of view is that the rivalry between Senators Kennedy and McCarthy is a subordinate consideration and that the principal consideration is to stop (Vice President) Humphrey. He said the second point of view is that they are unwilling to make any accomodations at this time because an accomodation will weaken McCarthy.

Jones advised Levison that he confidentially attempted to work out an accomodation with the Kennedy forces the previous night but was not successful. He said the accomodation was essentially that he could not commit the McCarthy delegates but believed he could persuade them to do two things. The first of these was that, of the 41 congressional districts (in New York State), if everybody agreed that the central question is stopping Humphrey as "a stalking horse" for Johnson's policies, that they would agree to run joint slates across the state and these joint slates would have only one delegate commitment, not to vote for Humphrey. They would be free to make their own judgment at the Democratic Party National Convention. He said this idea did not work. Jones explained that the second thing would be to make an

analysis congressional district by congressional district to determine where it looks as though Humphrey will win and put up a joint challenge in those areas. He said, in those areas, where it appeared Humphrey would not win, the natural forces of political organization would have "to settle to the bottom to leave it an open question".

Levison inquired what happened to the second idea of picking specific districts where Humphrey might win and putting up joint slates. Jones stated that it did not get far but he felt it could. He said he believes he can be a force in getting it that far and wanted Levison's thinking on the matter.

Levison commented that his position has always been the first one that Jones mentioned, that the differences between Kennedy and McCarthy are must less important than the matter of defeating Humphrey. Levison said he favored Kennedy because of his record on civil rights and because the overriding question of survival today is how nuclear weapons are handled, a situation in which Kennedy has demonstrated a cool head.

Jones mentioned that he had received that day a "reasonable, accurate delegate count of Humphrey" and that, in the last 36 hours, his delegate strength "has gone ahead by leaps and bounds". He said Humphrey is so far ahead as to make the contest between Kennedy and McCarthy academic.

Levison noted that the position Jones has arrived at is that Humphrey must be stopped so that the real question is what is the formula that will work.

Jones alluded to the speech he had to give at Madison Square Garden and said he was going to suggest as the central question facing the Coalition for a Democratic Alternative that the history of the McCarthy support movement suggests that the central question is the opposition to Johnson-Humphrey policies and further that they cannot get involved in an extreme campaign against the other candidates. Jones said he is afraid of Humphrey gaining political power in the country and wants to take all possible steps to insure it will not happen.

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Levison felt it would be excellent if Jones would do this. He said that, since Jones feels that Kennedy and Humphrey are not going to agree on some kind of joint basis, that Jones cannot do anything else but express this position in his speech.

Jones stated that he wants to say that the central question is really the continuation of the broad anti-war, peace movement in opposition to President Johnson's policies symbolized by Hubert Humphrey, and that, therefore, all of their efforts have to be directed toward preventing his getting the votes.

Levison felt this approach was sound, that Jones could stand on it even against the "absolutists". He noted that he and Jones were talking about an anti-war and pro-equality coalition, one which caused a great thing in the United States, the withdrawal of President Johnson as a presidential candidate in 1968.

Jones said another problem he faced is advising the candidate (McCarthy) of the position he was going to advocate. Levison stated that it has to be done and that Jones is not alone in his position. Jones added that he would be talking to the Senator (McCarthy) the next day and that, as a matter of courtesy, he wants to tell him what the position is he will express in his speech. Levison agreed to help Jones with his speech.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 17, 1968, that on that date, Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison discussed Senator Eugene Mc Carthy's presidential campaign. Jones told Levison that he was being strangled by the cross currents in the Mc Carthy movement. He said he had talked with "him" (Mc Carthy) early that day and that "he" said he did not want anyone at the rally (the rally for Senator Mc Carthy scheduled for Madison Square Garden, New York City, on May 19, 1968) to engage in any attack on Senator Kennedy even though he has certain personal enmities himself. Jones said "he" felt that this would be unwise.

Jones related the he would see him (Mc Carthy) on Sunday, "but he is going all the way". Jones said he could tell Levison, confidentially, that if Mc Carthy loses in Oregon by any significant degree, he will withdraw, but if he loses in Oregon and it is close he will go on to California where he is very strong.

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Levison inquired if Jones had discussed with him (Mc Carthy) the fact that Jones wants "to identify Humphrey as the main .....(enemy)". Jones said he had and that he (Mc Carthy) made it clear that it was not to be at the expense of conceding that he is not going to go all the way. Jones stated that there is the difficult task of maintaining the independent integrity of his (Mc Carthy's) own candidacy and at the same time pointing out what he will do. He said that he (Mc Carthy) cannot say anything now because it would undermine his own movement. Jones added that he (Mc Carthy) will release his delegates to go whatever way they can in order to stop the policy of (Vice President) Humphrey.

Jones then mentioned that his problem is that he has about ten minutes on the Sunday program (the May 19, 1968, rally for Senator Mc Carthy at Madison Square Garden, New York City) and that he wants to give an appropriate line for the coalition (of Mc Carthy and Kennedy forces against Humphrey). Jones said that he wants to state his support for the Mc Carthy candidacy, but also "zero in" on the central question, this question being Humphrey, and also to lay a realistic foundation for all those in the coalition, Kennedy and Mc Carthy supporters, that they are going to have to face "the moment of truth" sometime (that Humphrey is the person to defeat for the Democratic presidential nomination).

Levison stated that he had made a few notes which border on the subject. He said it is easy to identify Humphrey as the main adversary and to speak of the other candidates as being in such great agreement, but still divided. He said Jones could say this in a variety of ways but that there has to be something in it that indicates support for him (Mc Carthy) all the way. He said he thought it could be done.

Levison and Jones agreed to meet on May 18, 1968, for further discussion.

The same source learned on May 18, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison told his son, Andy Levison, that he had helped Clarence Jones write a speech to be delivered at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on behalf of Senator Mc Carthy.

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He explained that the reason he wrote it is that Jones is taking a good position, namely, that Humphrey is the main enemy. He said he was pleased that Jones took this position and that Jones' defection in any way from Mc Carthy's line is a serious blow to Mc Carthy because Mc Carthy needs negro strength, especially in New York.

Levison noted that Jones is "co-chairman of New York", that he is very important and, to take the approach of not criticizing Kennedy but pointing out that Kennedy and Mc Carthy have the same position on issues and that the main enemy is Humphrey (is one he approves of).

"The New York Times", May 20, 1968, page 31, column 1, contained the continuation of a page 1 story on the rally held for Senator Eugene Mc Carthy at Madison Square Garden on May 19, 1968. The article noted that before Mc Carthy spoke the crowd heard from several speakers and among those named was "Clarence B. Jones, Negro Candidate for District Delegate".

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